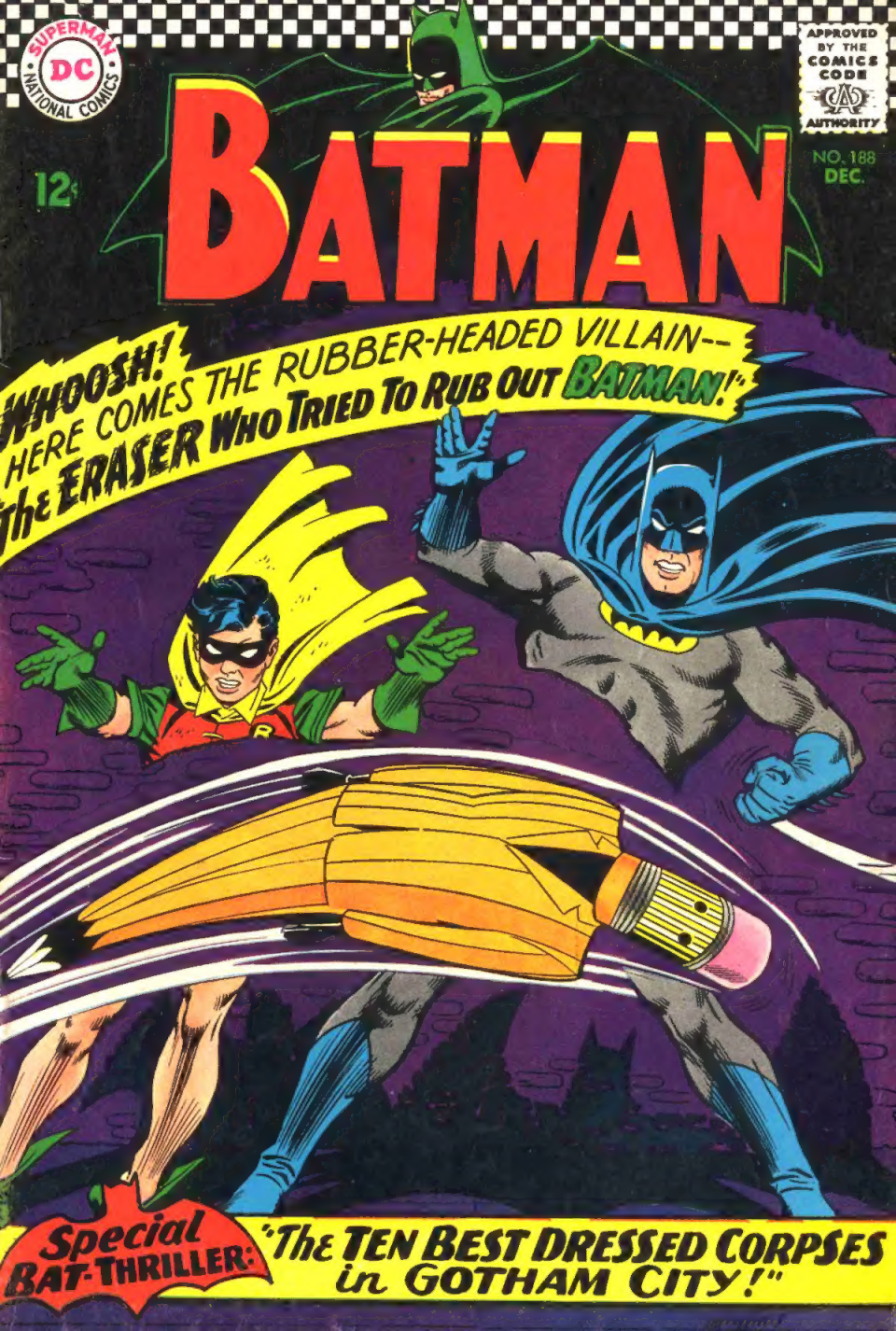
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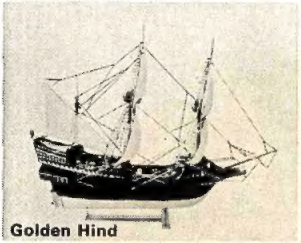

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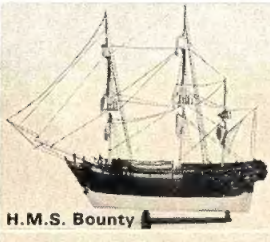

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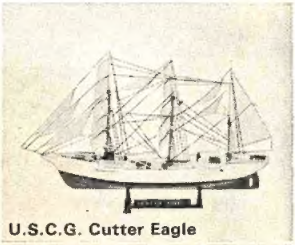

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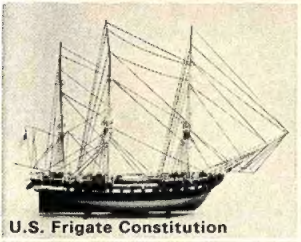

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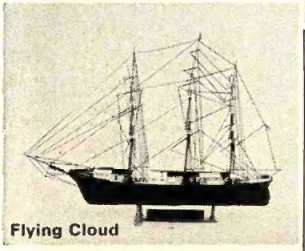

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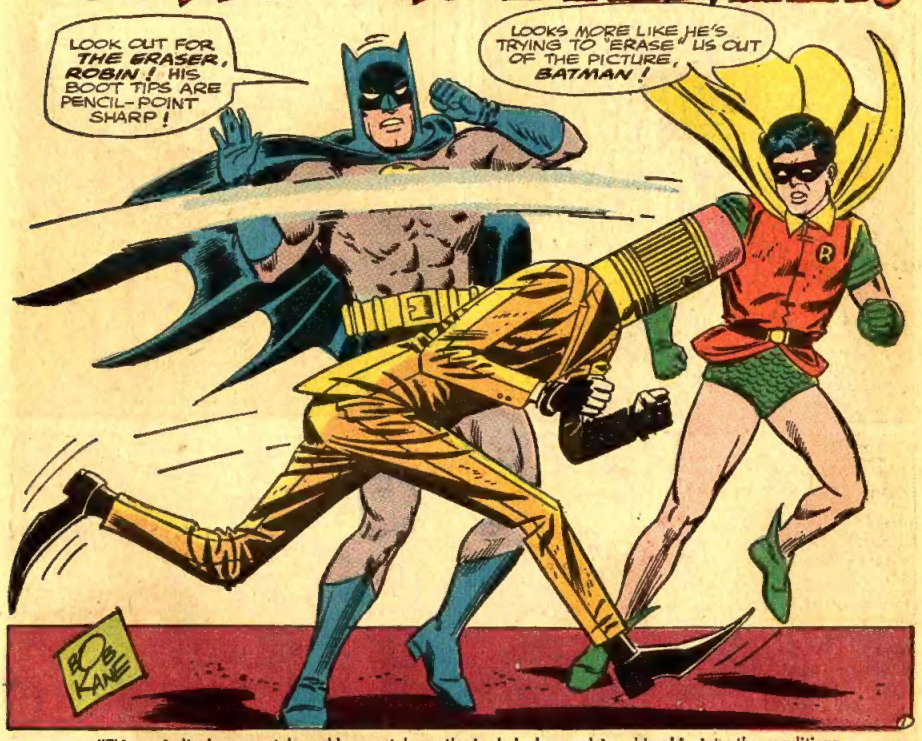
With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

THE ERASER WHO TRIED TO RUB OUT BATMAN!


LOOK OUT FOR THE ERASER, ROBIN! HIS BOOT TIPS ARE PENCIL-POINT SHARP!
LOOKS MORE LIKE HE'S TRYING TO "ERASE" US OUT OF THE PICTURE, BATMAN!
BOB KANE

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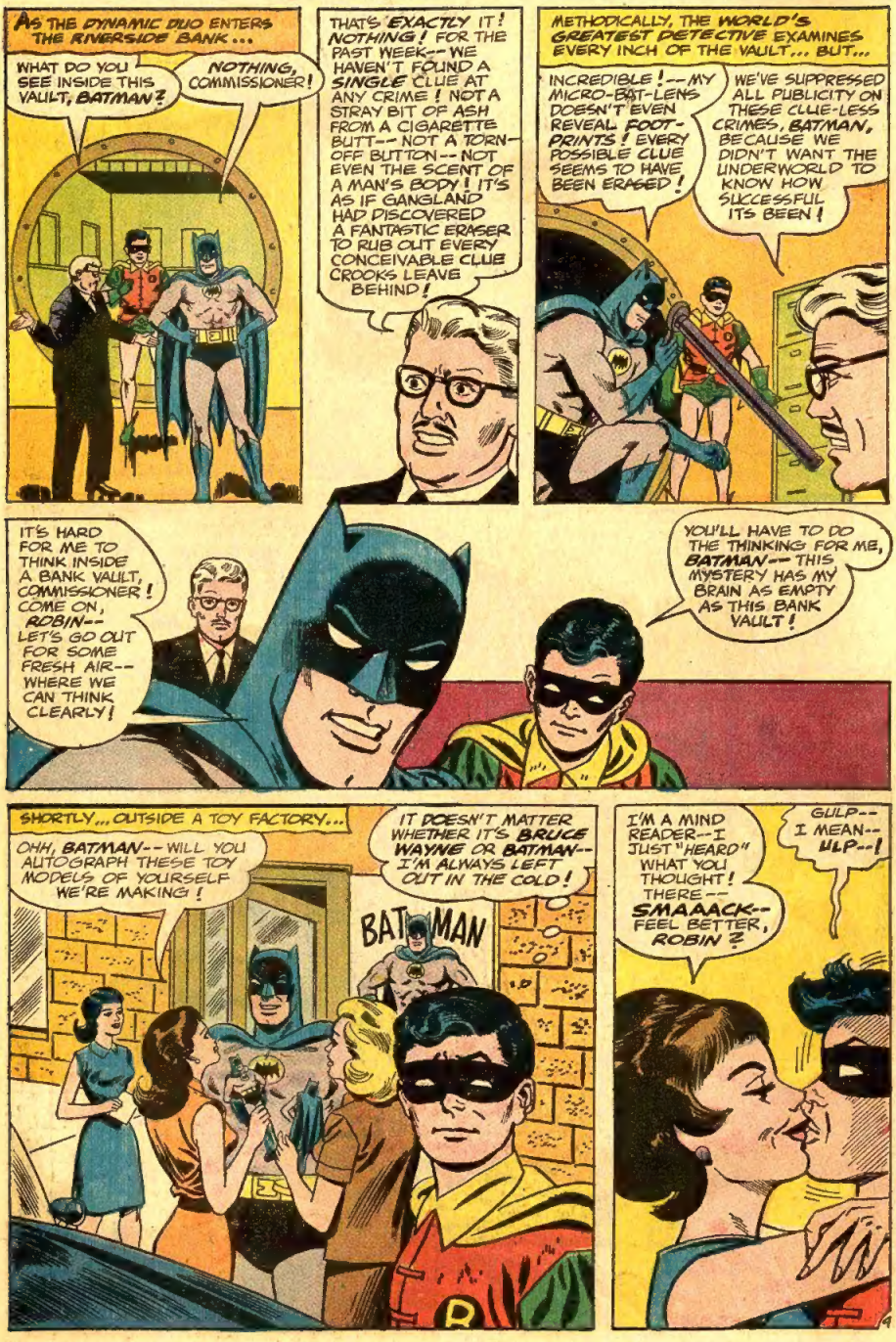
AS BRUCE (BATMAN) WAYNE AND DICK (ROBIN) GRAYSON PASS A UNIQUE EXHIBIT IN THE SKYSCRAPER DEPARTMENT STORE...
LOOK AT THAT CUTIE IN THE WINDOW, OGLE YOU, BRUCE! I WISH I HAD THE EYELASH CONCESSION FOR ALL THE GIRLS THAT FLUTTER THEIR LASHES WHEN THEY SEE YOU!
ERASE YOUR MISTAKES WEEK-- WITH FINEST ERASERS
ERASER 101
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT--AS IF I DIDN'T WISH I WAS OLD ENOUGH TO GET HER TELEPHONE NUMBER!
FOR ONCE, DICK--HAVE YOU GOT THE WRONG NUMBER! THAT GIANT ERASER REMINDS ME OF SOMEONE I KNEW YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE...
"ONE OF MY CLASSMATES WAS NAMED LENNY FIASCO..."
YOU'LL WEAR A HOLE IN THE BLACKBOARD ERASING ALL THE MISTAKES YOU MAKE, MR. FIASCO! TRY TO GET IT RIGHT THIS TIME! AND MAYBE YOU WON'T HAVE TO SPEND ALL YOUR TIME ERASING!
HA HA!
"ABOUT THE ONLY TIME I DIDN'T SEE LENNY WITH AN ERASER IN HIS HAND WAS AT THE WINTER CARNIVAL WHEN I RODE PAST HIM WITH THE ICE QUEEN, A GIRL FROM OUR CLASS..."
IT MUST BE COLD STANDING THERE, BRUCE! LOOK--LENNIE'S EYES ARE TEARING!

"I HAVEN'T SEEN LENNIE SINCE HE FLUNKED OUT OF COLLEGE..."
IT ISN'T COLD--BUT YOU'RE LEAVING THAT MODEL WITH TEARS IN HER EYES, BRUCE!
YOU SEE TOO MANY MOVIES, DICK--SHE WAS PROBABLY WAVING AT HER BOY FRIEND!
OHH MR. WAYNE--CAN WE HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?
I FEEL COLDER THAN POOR LENNIE AT THE WINTER CARNIVAL! THE ONLY TIME ANYBODY WOULD ASK FOR MY AUTOGRAPH IS ON A CHECK!
LATER, AT THE WAYNE MANSION...
THE HOT-LINE HAS BEEN BLAZING SINCE YOU WERE OUT, SIR! I'VE HAD TO PUT ON ASBESTOS GLOVES TO PICK IT UP!
THANKS, ALFRED! YOU'RE THE PERFECT BUTLER!
RRING!
WE'LL BE RIGHT OVER!
DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO HEAR WHAT THE POLICE COMMISSIONER HAS TO SAY?
USING THE SECRET ELEVATOR DESCENT TO THE BATCAVE...
WHAT'S THE BIG MYSTERY, BRUCE?
SOMETHING THAT NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE, DICK! COMMISSIONER GORDON WILL TELL US ALL ABOUT IT AT THE RIVERSIDE BANK!
INTO THEIR COSTUMES CELEBRATED THE WORLD OVER THE TWO CHANGE--AND THEN--WITH A ROAR OF BAT-ENGINES, THE UNIQUE BAT-MOBILE FLASHES OUT...
WILL YOU STOP TEASING ME BY GIVING ME INFORMATION IN DRIBS AND DRABS--LIKE A MYSTERY WRITER, BATMAN? JUST WHAT HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE IN CRIME? I THOUGHT WE'D SEEN EVERYTHING?
ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS WHAT THE COMMISSIONER TOLD ME--NOTHING! HE WON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES THAT EVEN THE HOT-LINE MAY HAVE A COOL CUSTOMER TAPPING IT!
VAROOM!


AS THE DYNAMIC DUO ENTERS THE RIVERSIDE BANK...
WHAT DO YOU SEE INSIDE THIS VAULT, BATMAN?
NOTHING, COMMISSIONER!
THAT'S EXACTLY IT! NOTHING! FOR THE PAST WEEK--WE HAVEN'T FOUND A SINGLE CLUE AT ANY CRIME! NOT A STRAY BIT OF ASH FROM A CIGARETTE BUTT--NOT A TORN-OFF BUTTON--NOT EVEN THE SCENT OF A MAN'S BODY! IT'S AS IF GANGLAND HAD DISCOVERED A FANTASTIC ERASER TO RUB OUT EVERY CONCEIVABLE CLUE CROOKS LEAVE BEHIND!
METHODICALLY, THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE EXAMINES EVERY INCH OF THE VAULT... BUT...
INCREDIBLE!--MY MICRO-BAT-LENS DOESN'T EVEN REVEAL FOOT-PRINTS! EVERY POSSIBLE CLUE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ERASED!
WE'VE SUPPRESSED ALL PUBLICITY ON THESE CLUE-LESS CRIMES, BATMAN, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T WANT THE UNDERWORLD TO KNOW HOW SUCCESSFUL ITS BEEN!
IT'S HARD FOR ME TO THINK INSIDE A BANK VAULT, COMMISSIONER! COME ON, ROBIN--LET'S GO OUT FOR SOME FRESH AIR--WHERE WE CAN THINK CLEARLY!
YOU'LL HAVE TO DO THE THINKING FOR ME, BATMAN--THIS MYSTERY HAS MY BRAIN AS EMPTY AS THIS BANK VAULT!
SHORTLY... OUTSIDE A TOY FACTORY...
OHH, BATMAN--WILL YOU AUTOGRAPH THESE TOY MODELS OF YOURSELF WE'RE MAKING!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER IT'S BRUCE WAYNE OR BATMAN--I'M ALWAYS LEFT OUT IN THE COLD!
BAT MAN
I'M A MIND READER--I JUST "HEARD" WHAT YOU THOUGHT! THERE--SMAAACK--FEEL BETTER, ROBIN?
GULP--I MEAN--ULP--!

SUDDENLY, FALLING NEAR BATMAN'S FEET...
THAT MODEL OF ME-- WONDER IF IT COULD BE A SIGNAL OF SOME KIND?
IT FELL FROM THE WINDOW OF A BUSINESS OFFICE! AND THEY'RE DOING BIG BUSINESS SELLING THOSE MODELS OF YOU, BATMAN!
INSTANTLY THE INTUITIVE ANTENNA OF THE MASKED MANHUNTER PROMPTS HIM TO...
FIRE BAT-HOOKS AT THAT WINDOW, ROBIN!
I'LL BE FLAPPING RIGHT BEHIND YOU, BAT-MAN!
TRAINED MUSCLES RESPOND WITH SQUIRREL AGILITY...
SHOULDN'T WE HAVE MUSIC FOR THIS ACT?
SHHH!
HANGING PRECARIOUSLY IN SPACE, THE DYNAMIC DUO WITNESS...
BUT THIS WEEK'S PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BATMAN MODELS ARE GOING TO CHARITY!
WE'RE CONTRIBUTING YOUR MONEY TO CHARITY-- OURS!
LIKE EXPERT GYMNASTS, BATMAN AND ROBIN REVERSE-FLIP INTO THE OFFICE...
WE GOT YOUR "MESSAGE", MISS!
WE'LL DRILL A LITTLE "MESSAGE" INTO YOU WITH LEAD, BATMAN! RIGHT, BOYS?
YEAH-- AN' IT'LL SAY: THE END!
THUDD
KRAK!

LIKE CAPED MATADORS AVOIDING THE BLAZING GUNS OF THE GANGSTERS, BATMAN AND ROBIN STAB AT THEM WITH THEIR RAPIER-LIKE FISTS...
I TOLD YOU WE SHOULDA HAD THE ERASER INSURE THIS JOB! UHNNNN--
ERASER?--DID YOU HEAR THAT, ROBIN?
POW!
SMACK!
SOUNDS LIKE AN EXPERT SILENCER--A KILLER--A DEAD SHOT!
KRUNCH!
BOP!
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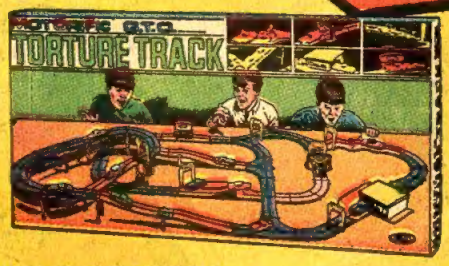

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AS THE DYNAMIC DUO SEARCHES THE KAYOED GANGSTERS FOR EVIDENCE...
HOLY BONFIRE! THAT NEWSPAPER BURST INTO FLAMES THE MOMENT YOU TOUCHED IT, BATMAN-- YET IT DIDN'T BURN IN THE CROOK'S POCKET!
AS THE POLICE TAKE THE GANG TO HEADQUARTER'S...
IT MUST HAVE BEEN SPECIALLY TREATED TO BURST INTO FLAMES!
RIGHT, ROBIN! WE'LL TAKE IT TO THE BATCAVE FOR CHEMICAL ANALYSIS!
OH, BATMAN-- WILL YOU AUTOGRAPH THIS MODEL OF YOU I WAS GOING TO THROW OUT AFTER THE OTHER ONE AS AN SOS SIGNAL?
IT NEVER ENDS!
SHORTLY, AT THE BATCAVE, WHERE THE NEWSPAPER ASHES HAVE BEEN SCIENTIFICALLY RESTORED...
NO WONDER THIS PAPER WAS CHEMICALLY TREATED SO IT WOULD BURST INTO FLAMES WHEN UNTREATED HANDS LIKE MINE TOUCHED IT! IT'S A COPY OF "THE SECRET UNDERGROUND"!
NO WONDER GANGLAND WANTED TO KEEP IT SO SECRET! THERE ARE TIPS ON COMMITTING CRIMES AND-- LOOK--A HELP WANTED COLUMN: EXPERT GUNMAN WANTED"... CARDSHARP FOR HIRE"...
AND THEN BEFORE THE INCREDULOUS EYES OF THE MASTER DETECTIVE...
THERE'S WHY CLUES HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM CRIMES! A HUMAN ERASER WHO ERASES ALL EVIDENCE!
BOY, IF THAT ISN'T CAMP-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS!
DON'T TAKE CHANCES! LET "THE ERASER" ERASE EVERY CLUE FROM YOUR CRIMES! ONLY 20% OF JOB-- BEFORE TAXES!
WRITE TO BOX 1961!-- GENERAL DELIVERY!

AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE POLICE...
DICK, WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE ANY CHANCES OF ARCUSING THE ERASER'S SUSPICIONS BY WATCHING FOR HIM AT THE POST OFFICE! BUT THIS LETTER ASKING HIM TO ERASE A CRIME WILL BRING HIM OUT INTO THE OPEN!
SHORTLY...
;Whewww!!
WHAT A SCENT--NO WONDER THE GIRLS FALL FOR YOU! IT MAKES THEM DIZZY!
I'VE BEEN USING IT SINCE MY COLLEGE DAYS! YOU CAN TRY IT-- WHEN YOU REACH THAT STAGE...
THEN, THE MASTER OF DISGUISE PRESENTS HIMSELF FOR INSPECTION...
THINK TH' ERASER WILL EVER ERASE MY DISGUISE AN' SEE THAT IT'S BATMAN UNDER-NEATH'?
NEVER!
STORY CONTINUED ON THE 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING
You asked for it...
The RETURN of O.G.R.E.!
ONCE AGAIN, AQUAMAN, KING OF THE SEVEN SEAS, MUST LEAVE HIS WATERY DOMAIN, AS O.G.R.E. WORLD-WIDE TERROR COMBINE, HATCHES THE GREATEST KIDNAP PLOT OF ALL TIME!
See them pull it off in AQUAMAN
ON SALE NOV. 3rd
O.G.R.E. STRIKES AGAIN!
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MIKE'S TOY FACTORY... or "How I made it with my EMENEE thermo/craft WORKSHOP!"

MIKE'S FRIEND BOB HAS COME OVER TO SPEND THE AFTERNOON—
HOLY COW, MIKE, HOW'D YOU GET YOUR FOLKS TO SPRING FOR ALL OF THOSE GREAT TOYS?
THEY DIDN'T! I MADE THEM WITH THE GREAT EMENEE THERMO/CRAFT WORKSHOP THEY GAVE ME FOR MY BIRTHDAY!
GOSH, THIS LOOKS REAL! IT MUST HAVE BEEN HARD TO MAKE!
NOPE, THE PARTS ARE PRE-PRINTED SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAINT THEM AND THEY'RE PRE-FORMED SO THEY FIT TOGETHER EASILY!
HERE'S THE SECRET... THE THERMO-SAW. IT CUTS AND SHAPES THE PARTS IN A JIFFY AND YOU CAN'T CUT OR HURT YOURSELF. YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO PLUG IT IN... IT WORKS ON BATTERIES!
...AND ALL OF THESE MODELS REALLY WORK! THE BOAT FLOATS, THE JEEP'S WHEELS ROLL AND THE PLANE FLIES LIKE A WHIZ!
I BOUGHT THE FORT KIT AND THE GARAGE KIT OUT OF MY ALLOWANCE AND THEY WERE A SNAP TO MAKE AND PUT TOGETHER!
MY BIRTHDAY'S COMING UP SOON AND I KNOW JUST WHAT I'M GONNA ASK FOR... AN EMENEE THERMO/CRAFT WORKSHOP!

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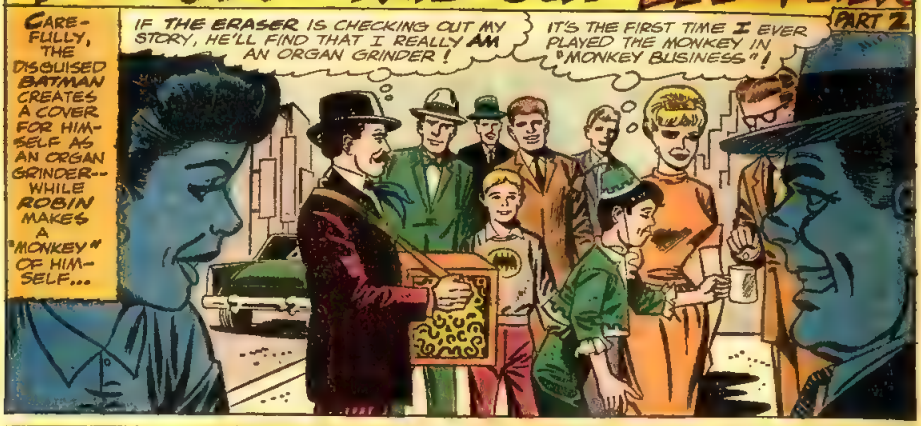
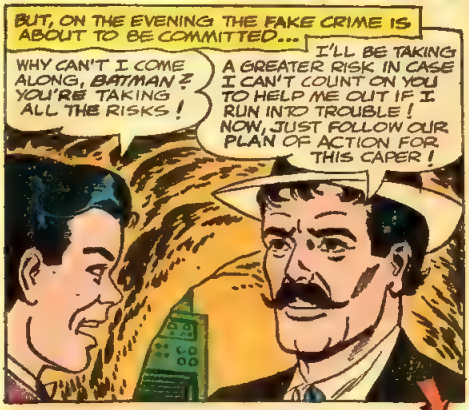
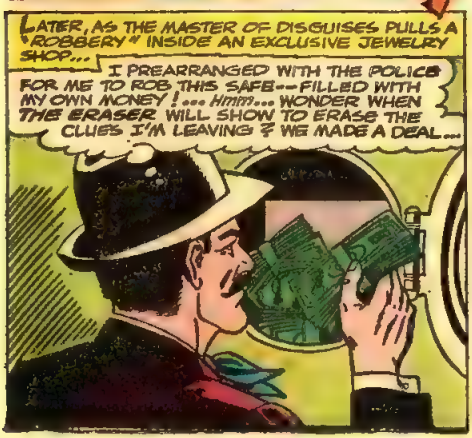
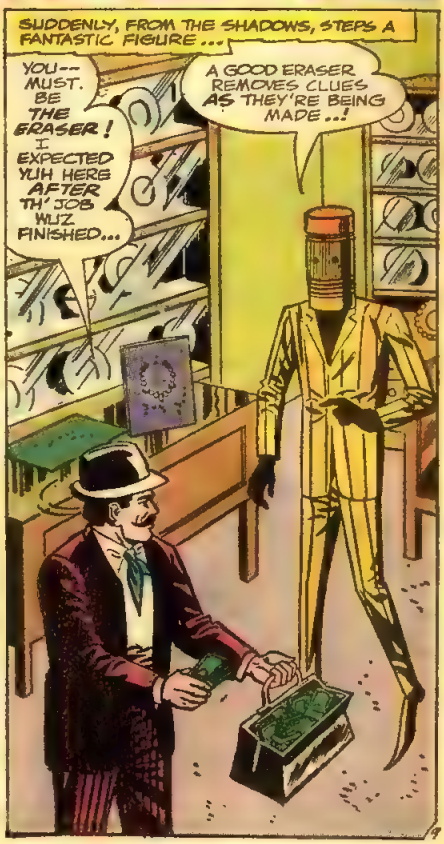
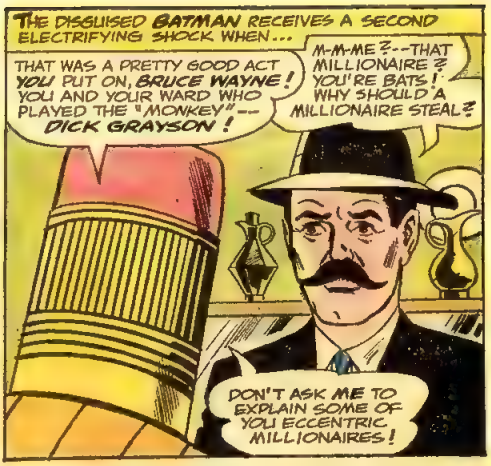

CAREFULLY, THE DISGUISED BATMAN CREATES A COVER FOR HIMSELF AS AN ORGAN GRINDER--WHILE ROBIN MAKES A "MONKEY" OF HIMSELF...
IF THE ERASER IS CHECKING OUT MY STORY, HE'LL FIND THAT I REALLY AM AN ORGAN GRINDER!
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I EVER PLAYED THE MONKEY IN "MONKEY BUSINESS"!

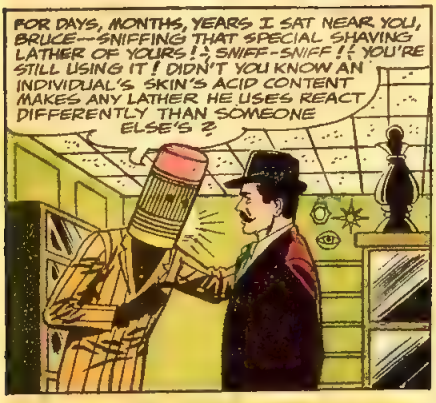

BUT, ON THE EVENING THE FAKE CRIME IS ABOUT TO BE COMMITTED...
WHY CAN'T I COME ALONG, BATMAN? YOU'RE TAKING ALL THE RISKS!
I'LL BE TAKING A GREATER RISK IN CASE I CAN'T COUNT ON YOU TO HELP ME OUT IF I RUN INTO TROUBLE! NOW, JUST FOLLOW OUR PLAN OF ACTION FOR THIS CAPER!

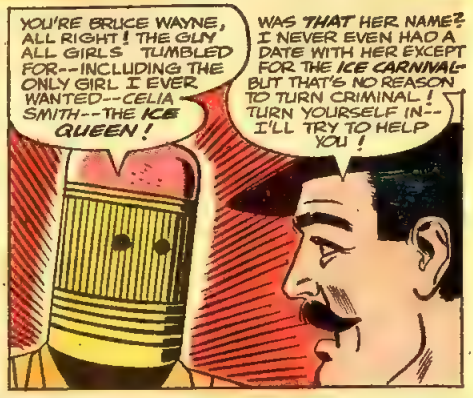

LATER, AS THE MASTER OF DISGUISES PULLS A "ROBBERY" INSIDE AN EXCLUSIVE JEWELRY SHOP...
I PREARRANGED WITH THE POLICE FOR ME TO ROB THIS SAFE--FILLED WITH MY OWN MONEY!... Hmm... WONDER WHEN THE ERASER WILL SHOW TO ERASE THE CLUES I'M LEAVING? WE MADE A DEAL...

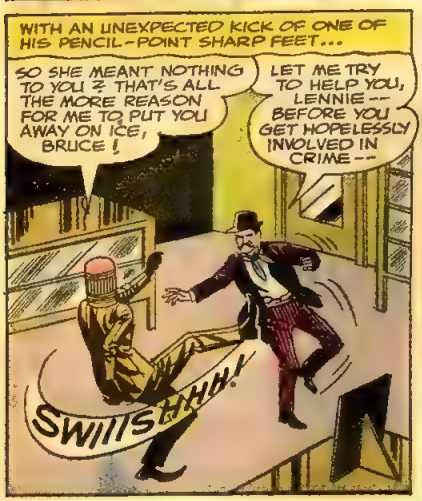

SUDDENLY, FROM THE SHADOWS, STEPS A FANTASTIC FIGURE...
YOU--MUST BE THE ERASER! I EXPECTED YUH HERE AFTER TH' JOB WUZ FINISHED...
A GOOD ERASER REMOVES CLUES AS THEY'RE BEING MADE..!

THIS ERASER HAS A SPECIAL COMPOUND WHICH REMOVES EVERYTHING -- EVEN THE ALMOST INVISIBLE IMPRESSIONS MADE BY YOUR SOLES!
IT--IT'S LENNY FIASCO -- MY COLLEGE CLASSMATE -- WHO WAS ALWAYS ERASING HIS MISTAKES! BOY, HAS HE WISED UP SINCE THEN!


THE DISGUISED BATMAN RECEIVES A SECOND ELECTRIFYING SHOCK WHEN...
THAT WAS A PRETTY GOOD ACT YOU PUT ON, BRUCE WAYNE! YOU AND YOUR WARD WHO PLAYED THE "MONKEY" -- DICK GRAYSON!
M-M-ME?--THAT MILLIONAIRE? YOU'RE BATS! WHY SHOULD A MILLIONAIRE STEAL?
DON'T ASK ME TO EXPLAIN SOME OF YOU ECCENTRIC MILLIONAIRES!


FOR DAYS, MONTHS, YEARS I SAT NEAR YOU, BRUCE--SNIFFING THAT SPECIAL SHAVING LATHER OF YOURS!--SNIFF-SNIFF!--YOU'RE STILL USING IT! DIDN'T YOU KNOW AN INDIVIDUAL'S SKIN'S ACID CONTENT MAKES ANY LATHER HE USES REACT DIFFERENTLY THAN SOMEONE ELSE'S?


YOU'RE BRUCE WAYNE, ALL RIGHT! THE GUY ALL GIRLS TUMBLED FOR--INCLUDING THE ONLY GIRL I EVER WANTED--CELIA SMITH--THE ICE QUEEN!
WAS THAT HER NAME? I NEVER EVEN HAD A DATE WITH HER EXCEPT FOR THE ICE CARNIVAL-- BUT THAT'S NO REASON TO TURN CRIMINAL! TURN YOURSELF IN-- I'LL TRY TO HELP YOU!


WITH AN UNEXPECTED KICK OF ONE OF HIS PENCIL-POINT SHARP FEET...
SO SHE MEANT NOTHING TO YOU? THAT'S ALL THE MORE REASON FOR ME TO PUT YOU AWAY ON ICE, BRUCE!
LET ME TRY TO HELP YOU, LENNIE -- BEFORE YOU GET HOPELESSLY INVOLVED IN CRIME --
SWIIISHHH!

EVERYBODY LAUGHED AT ME SPENDING ALL MY TIME ERASING MY OWN MISTAKES! NOW--I'M MAKING A FORTUNE ERASING THE UNDERWORLD'S! TAKE HIM, BOYS!
SWOOSH!

THE DISGUISED MAN-HUNTER FIGHTS BACK DESPERATELY...
SOCK!
eh-- HOW ABOUT YOU RUBBIN' OUT THIS CHARACTER, ERASER?
BOFFF!
FROM ONE OF THE ERASER'S UNIQUE FEET... COMES A NOXIOUS VAPOR...
HERE'S A LITTLE GAS TO CALM YOU, BRUCE! IT CAN'T AFFECT US-- WE'RE ALL WEARING NOSE-FILTERS!
TAKE HIM TO MY HIDE-OUT! I'M GOING TO MAKE HIM THE STAR OF ANOTHER ICE CARNIVAL BY PUTTING HIM ON ICE! HA, HA, HA!
BY THE TIME "BATMAN" AWAKES...
HOW DO YOU LIKE MY NON-MELTING ICE RECREATION OF THE ICE CARNIVAL AT COLLEGE, BRUCE? I'VE SAVED IT JUST FOR YOU! YOU'RE GOING TO "TAKE AWAY" MY GIRL AGAIN--BUT FOR THE LAST TIME! PUT HIM INSIDE HIS OWN FIGURE, BOYS!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D WIND UP INSIDE A "CAKE FROSTING"!
JOKE NOW, BRUCE! YOU WON'T WHEN YOU BEGIN TO FREEZE TO DEATH!

AS BATMAN IS ENCASED...
ONE OF THE THINGS LENNIE HAD TO ERASE BECAUSE HE WAS WRONG BACK IN SCHOOL--WAS THAT HEAT EXPANDS -- AND COLD CONTRACTS!
SQUEEZED TIGHTLY INSIDE THE ICY CONFINES OF THE FIGURE--THE MASTER ESCAPE ARTIST FLEXES AND UNFLEXES HIS SUPPLE WRISTS AND ANKLES...
W-W-WITH THE C-C-COLD HELPING ME--I'LL HAVE JUST BARELY ENOUGH ROOM TO M-M-MANEUVER...
THEN--WITH A SHOWER OF ICE CONCEALING HIM...
AT THAT IDENTICAL MOMENT, THE GANG'S ATTENTION IS DIVERTED FROM BATMAN TOWARD ROBIN...
IT'S ROBIN--THAT MEANS BATMAN CAN'T BE FAR BEHIND!
WITH THE HOODLUMS' ATTENTION CENTERED ON THE EVASIVE, WHIRLING FIGURE OF ROBIN...
BRRR!
I'M GLAD TO GET BACK TO MY OWN UNIFORM!
HOW COULD YOU HAVE TRACED BRUCE WAYNE HERE? I PERSONALLY ERASED ALL CLUES FROM HIS PHONEY CRIME!
EXACTLY--BY ERASING THEM--YOU APPLIED PRESSURE WHICH SET OFF AN ALARM--SIGNALING US THAT YOU WERE IN OUR TRAP! TELL HIM THE REST--BATMAN!
--AND WE TRACKED YOU HERE BY THE MINIATURE SONAR-RADAR SIGNAL SET INSIDE BRUCE WAYNE'S SHOES, AND ITS COMPANION SET IN OUR SHOES!

SOME SOFTIE YOU SAVED! BRUCE WAYNE RAN AWAY TO LEAVE YOU TWO FACING THE MUSIC!
LET'S SEE--WITH WHAT TUNE WILL WE ROCK 'EM TO SLEEP?
HOW ABOUT BIFF--BAM--SOCK--ZAT--SPLAT--POW!
DASHING FROM ONE ICE FIGURE TO ANOTHER, BATMAN AND ROBIN SEIZE THEM AND...
SMASHING THOSE ICE FIGURES ALL AROUND US! MAKIN' IT TOUGH TO HIT 'EM!
EVEN MY GAS ATTACK CAN'T STOP 'EM!
THEY'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN WEAR NOSE-FILTERS!
BAM!
BAM!
CRASH!
THEN THE CAPED CRUSADERS LEAP ON THE SLIPPERY ICE PARTICLES AND LIKE WHIRLING SKATERS...
♪ TA-TA-TA-TUM-- ♪ ♪ TA-TA-TA-TUM-- ♪
WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE HUMMING, BATMAN? THE SKATER'S WALTZ?
IT'S MUSIC TO PUT THEM ON ICE BY--
YOU MEAN--IN THE COOLER!
ZOK!
WAK!
WAK!
SOCK!

LATER, BATMAN AND ROBIN VISIT LENNIE IN JAIL...
HERE'S SOMETHING FOR YOU, LENNIE--A BRAND-NEW ERASER!
IT'LL BE VERY USEFUL HERE!
BY THE TIME YOU ERASE ALL THE WRONG YOU'VE DONE, LENNIE--YOU'LL BE OUT!
YOU CAN MAKE A NEW START IN LIFE--WITH A CLEAN SLATE!
I GET THE MESSAGE--IT'S BETTER TO BE A RUBBER--THAN A ROBBER!
The End
RUBBER ERASER
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THUMBS DOWN for BATMAN...
WHEN THE CAPED CRUSADER FIGHTS A GLADIATORIAL DEATH-DUEL WITH SUPERMAN!
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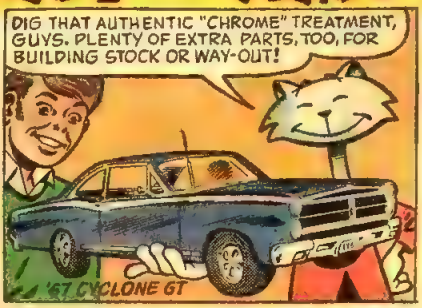

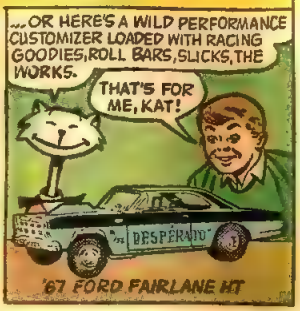
...OR HERE'S A WILD PERFORMANCE CUSTOMIZER LOADED WITH RACING GOODIES, ROLL BARS, SLICKS, THE WORKS.
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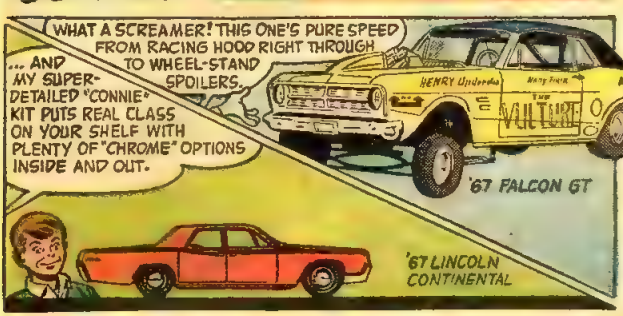
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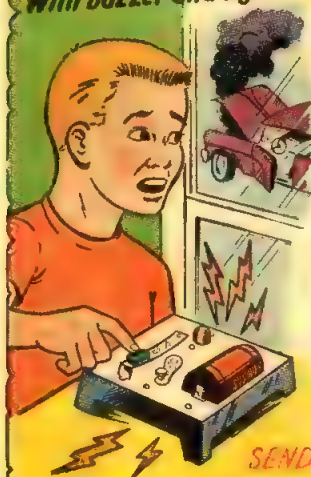

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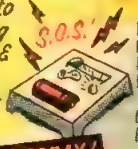

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BATMAN

With ROBIN The Boy Wonder

SQUIRE MAGAZINE WAS PREPARING TO ANNOUNCE ITS ANNUAL SELECTION OF THE TEN BEST-DRESSED MEN IN GOTHAM CITY! THEN SUDDENLY-- ONE BY ONE-- THESE MEN BEGAN TO DIE! WHY WAS THE HAND OF DEATH REACHING OUT FOR THE MEN ON THIS LIST? BATMAN HAD A VERY SPECIAL STAKE IN FINDING OUT-- FOR AS THE SARTORIALLY IMPECCABLE BRUCE WAYNE, HE WAS ON THE LIST THAT WAS FAST BECOMING A LIST OF--

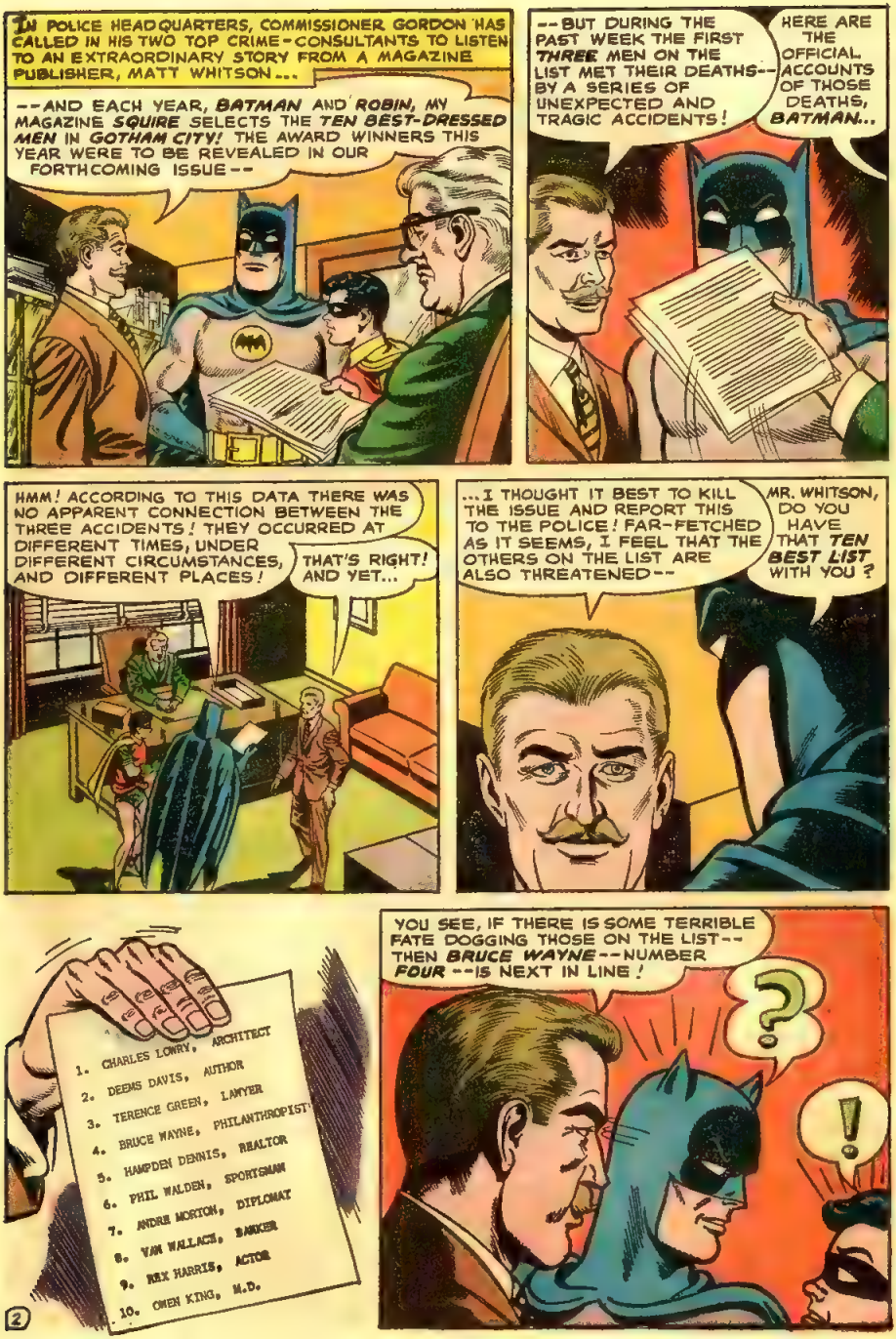
The TEN BEST-DRESSED CORPSES in GOTHAM CITY!

ROBIN CONTACTED ME BY OUR TWO-WAY RADIOS-- HE'S TRAPPED IN THAT STEAMROOM! SOMEONE LOCKED HIM IN-- AND TURNED ON THE STEAM!

IT'S NOT YOUR LITTLE PLAYMATE I'M AFTER, BATMAN-- IT'S YOU!

STEAM ROOM

BOB KANE


IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS, COMMISSIONER GORDON HAS CALLED IN HIS TWO TOP CRIME-CONSULTANTS TO LISTEN TO AN EXTRAORDINARY STORY FROM A MAGAZINE PUBLISHER, MATT WHITSON...
--AND EACH YEAR, BATMAN AND ROBIN, MY MAGAZINE SQUIRE SELECTS THE TEN BEST-DRESSED MEN IN GOTHAM CITY! THE AWARD WINNERS THIS YEAR WERE TO BE REVEALED IN OUR FORTHCOMING ISSUE--
--BUT DURING THE PAST WEEK THE FIRST THREE MEN ON THE LIST MET THEIR DEATHS--BY A SERIES OF UNEXPECTED AND TRAGIC ACCIDENTS!
HERE ARE THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNTS OF THOSE DEATHS, BATMAN...
HMM! ACCORDING TO THIS DATA THERE WAS NO APPARENT CONNECTION BETWEEN THE THREE ACCIDENTS! THEY OCCURRED AT DIFFERENT TIMES, UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES, AND DIFFERENT PLACES!
THAT'S RIGHT! AND YET...
...I THOUGHT IT BEST TO KILL THE ISSUE AND REPORT THIS TO THE POLICE! FAR-FETCHED AS IT SEEMS, I FEEL THAT THE OTHERS ON THE LIST ARE ALSO THREATENED--
MR. WHITSON, DO YOU HAVE THAT TEN BEST LIST WITH YOU?
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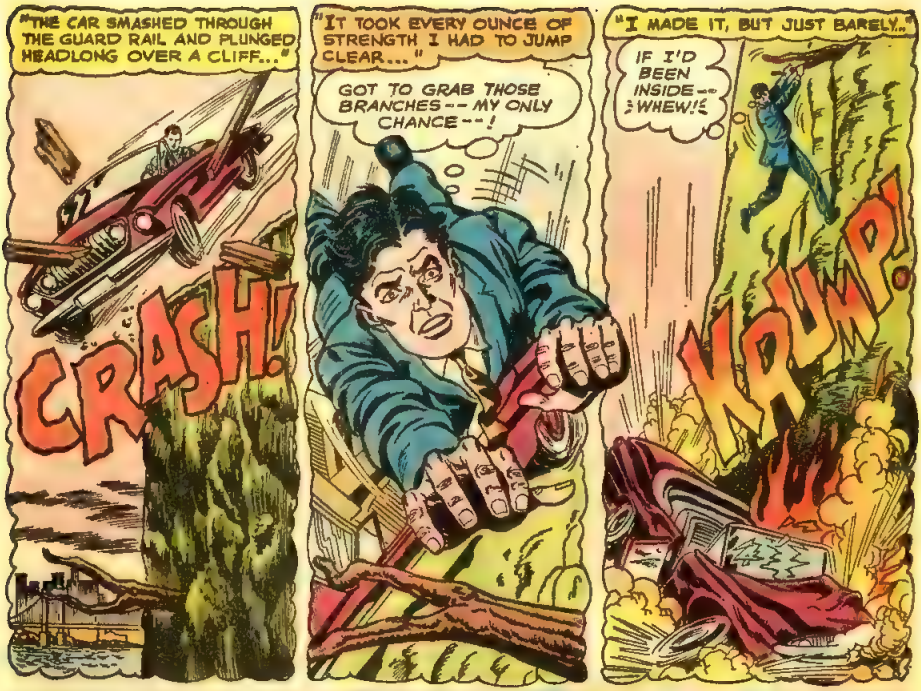
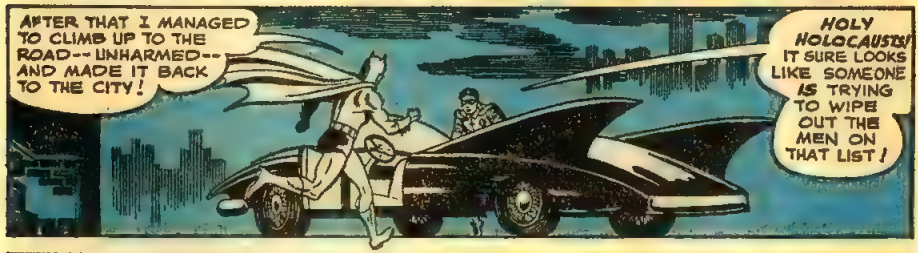
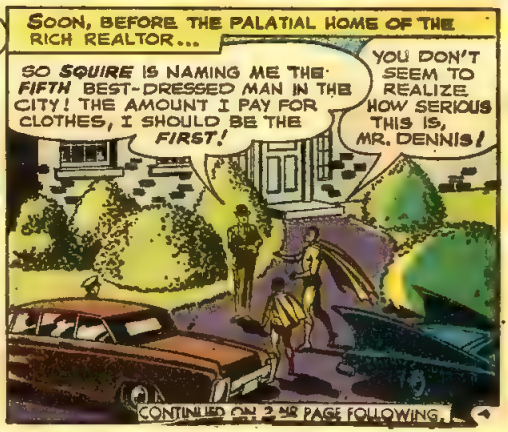
YOU SEE, IF THERE IS SOME TERRIBLE FATE DOGGING THOSE ON THE LIST--THEN BRUCE WAYNE--NUMBER FOUR--IS NEXT IN LINE!
?
!

AFTER THE HARRIED PUBLISHER HAS GONE OFF...
THEN YOU THINK THERE COULD BE SOMETHING NON-COINCIDENTAL ABOUT THIS SERIES OF DEATHS, BATMAN?
THERE COULD BE, COMMISSIONER...
BUT HOW? EVEN ASSUMING THAT THE ACCIDENTS COULD HAVE BEEN FAKED--THAT THEY WERE REALLY CLEVER MURDERS! EVEN SO, WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO KILL OFF THE TEN BEST-DRESSED MEN OF GOTHAM CITY?
YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE AT THIS STAGE, COMMISSIONER! MAYBE AFTER ROBIN AND I HAVE INVESTIGATED, WE'LL BE ABLE TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT! WE'LL KEEP IN TOUCH!
YOU SURE WERE IN A HURRY TO LEAVE THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE! WHAT'S UP?
ROBIN, THIS LIST EXPLAINS WHAT HAPPENED TO BRUCE WAYNE THIS MORNING!
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN--?
WELL, YOU KNOW THAT AS BRUCE I WENT TO THE WAYNE FOUNDATION EARLY TODAY--AND ARRANGED TO MEET YOU HERE AFTER-WARD! ON MY WAY...
"...BACK FROM THE FOUNDATION, ON THE PALISADES ROADWAY..."
MY WHEEL--IT'S GONE LOOSE--NOT CONTROLLING THE CAR!


"THE CAR SMASHED THROUGH THE GUARD RAIL AND PLUNGED HEADLONG OVER A CLIFF..."
CRASH!
"IT TOOK EVERY OUNCE OF STRENGTH I HAD TO JUMP CLEAR..."
GOT TO GRAB THOSE BRANCHES -- MY ONLY CHANCE --!
"I MADE IT, BUT JUST BARELY..."
IF I'D BEEN INSIDE -- WHEW!!
KRUMP!


AFTER THAT I MANAGED TO CLIMB UP TO THE ROAD -- UNHARMED -- AND MADE IT BACK TO THE CITY!
HOLY HOLOCAUST!! IT SURE LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE IS TRYING TO WIPE OUT THE MEN ON THAT LIST!

YES! AND WHOEVER IS BEHIND IT MUST THINK HE'S FINISHED OFF BRUCE WAYNE! THAT MEANS THAT THE NEXT TARGET IS NUMBER FIVE ON THE LIST -- HAMPDEN DENNIS! THAT'S WHERE WE'RE HEADING!


SOON, BEFORE THE PALATIAL HOME OF THE RICH REALTOR...
SO SQUIRE IS NAMING ME THE FIFTH BEST-DRESSED MAN IN THE CITY! THE AMOUNT I PAY FOR CLOTHES, I SHOULD BE THE FIRST!
YOU DON'T SEEM TO REALIZE HOW SERIOUS THIS IS, MR. DENNIS!
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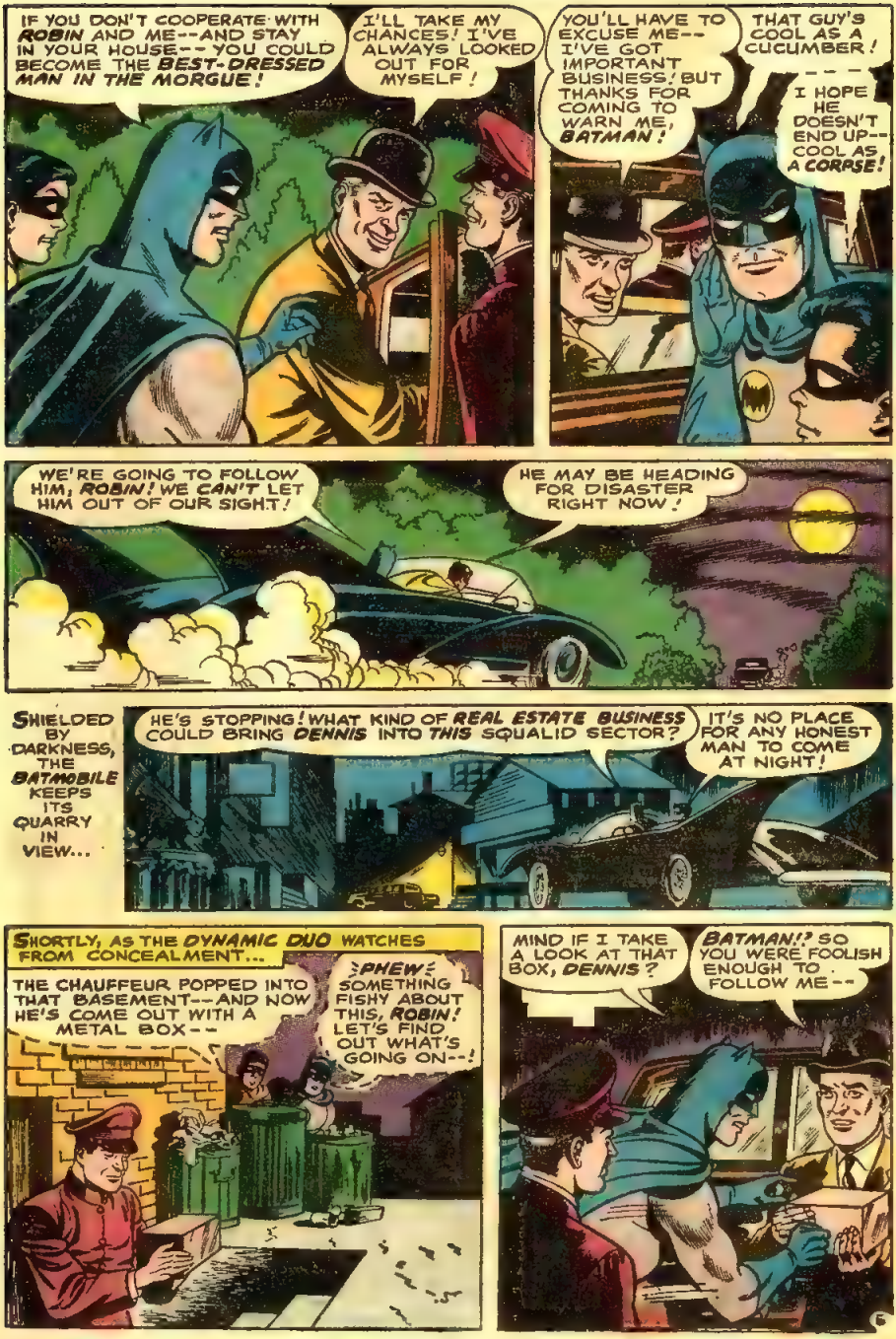
IF YOU DON'T COOPERATE WITH ROBIN AND ME--AND STAY IN YOUR HOUSE--YOU COULD BECOME THE BEST-DRESSED MAN IN THE MORGUE!
I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES! I'VE ALWAYS LOOKED OUT FOR MYSELF!
YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME--I'VE GOT IMPORTANT BUSINESS! BUT THANKS FOR COMING TO WARN ME, BATMAN!
THAT GUY'S COOL AS A CUCUMBER!
I HOPE HE DOESN'T END UP--COOL AS A CORPSE!
WE'RE GOING TO FOLLOW HIM; ROBIN! WE CAN'T LET HIM OUT OF OUR SIGHT!
HE MAY BE HEADING FOR DISASTER RIGHT NOW!
SHIELDED BY DARKNESS, THE BATMOBILE KEEPS ITS QUARRY IN VIEW...
HE'S STOPPING! WHAT KIND OF REAL ESTATE BUSINESS COULD BRING DENNIS INTO THIS SQUALID SECTOR?
IT'S NO PLACE FOR ANY HONEST MAN TO COME AT NIGHT!
SHORTLY, AS THE DYNAMIC DUO WATCHES FROM CONCEALMENT...
THE CHAUFFEUR POPPED INTO THAT BASEMENT--AND NOW HE'S COME OUT WITH A METAL BOX--
PHEW! SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THIS, ROBIN! LET'S FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON--!
MIND IF I TAKE A LOOK AT THAT BOX, DENNIS?
BATMAN!? SO YOU WERE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO FOLLOW ME--
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YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO HAVE AN ACCIDENT! STRONGIN--TAKE CARE OF HIM!
A BEHIND-THE-BACK ATTACK--!
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, FANCY PANTS!
DENNIS GRABBED MY CAPE--SWINGING ME--
WITH LITHE SWIFTNESS, THE BOY WONDER'S HAND SHOOTS UP... AND...
SLIPPED OUT OF HIS CAPE--!
BOP
THEN, A PLUNGING ATTACK...
KRUCH
WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY...
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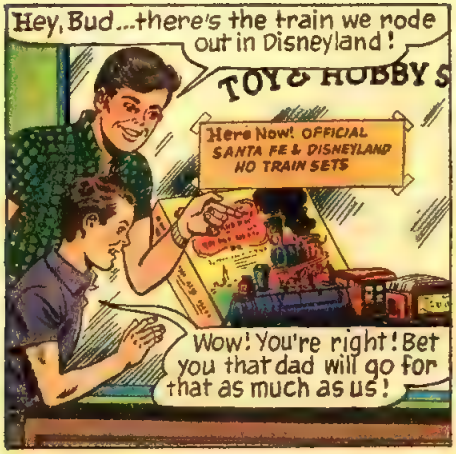
Hey, Bud...there's the train we rode out in Disneyland!
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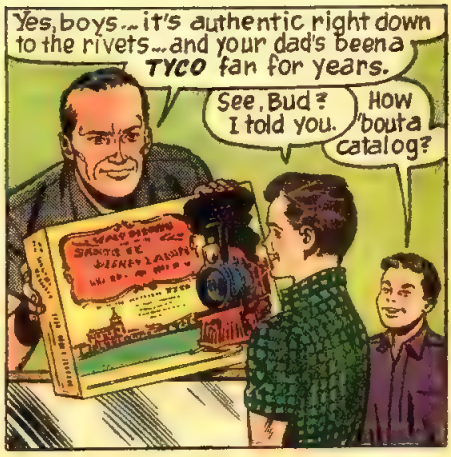
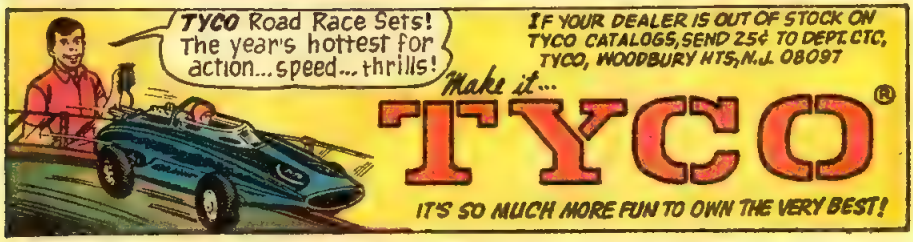
Here Now! OFFICIAL SANTA FE & DISNEYLAND HO TRAIN SETS
Wow! You're right! Bet you that dad will go for that as much as us!


Yes, boys...it's authentic right down to the rivets...and your dad's been a TYCO fan for years.
See, Bud? I told you.
How 'bout a catalog?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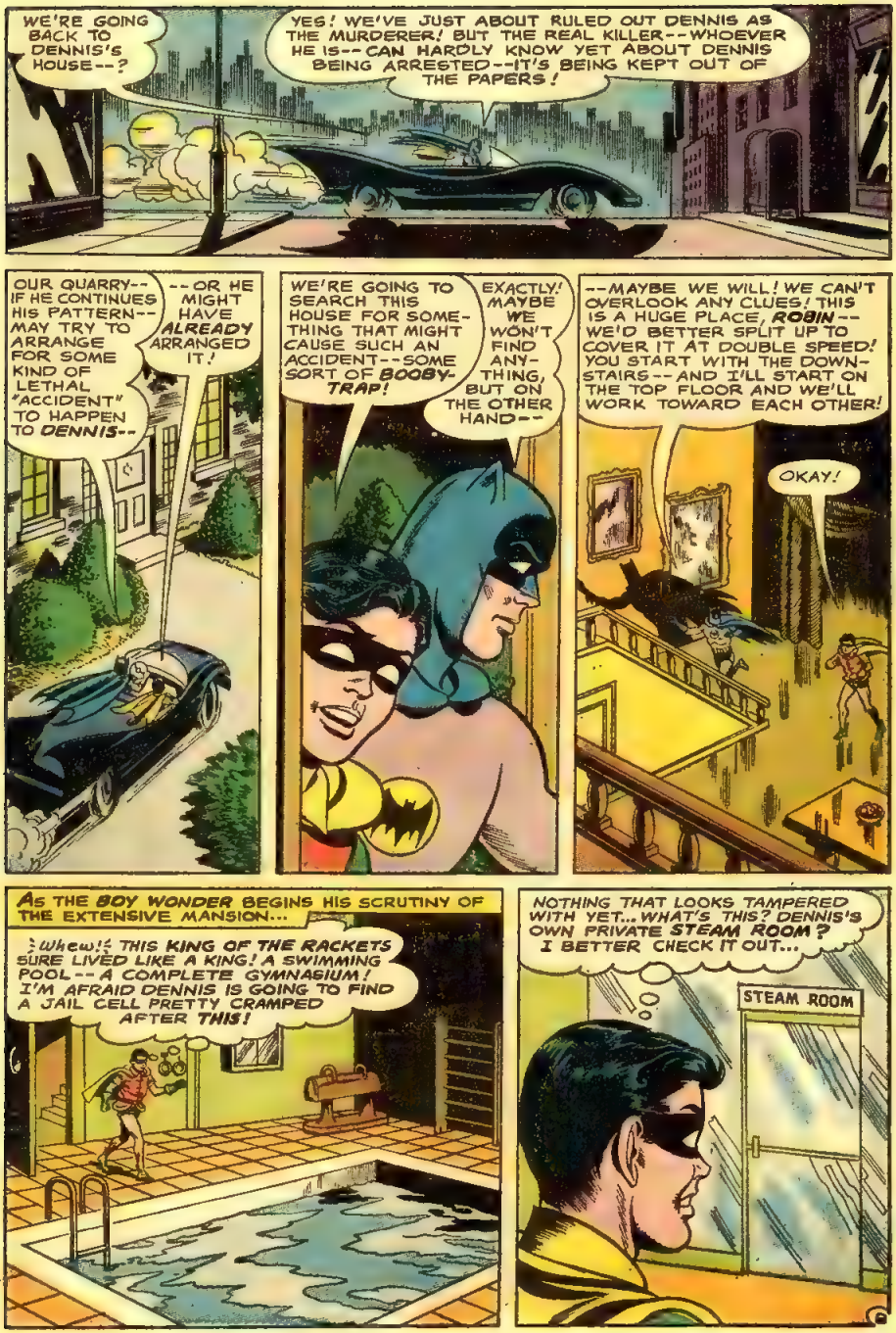
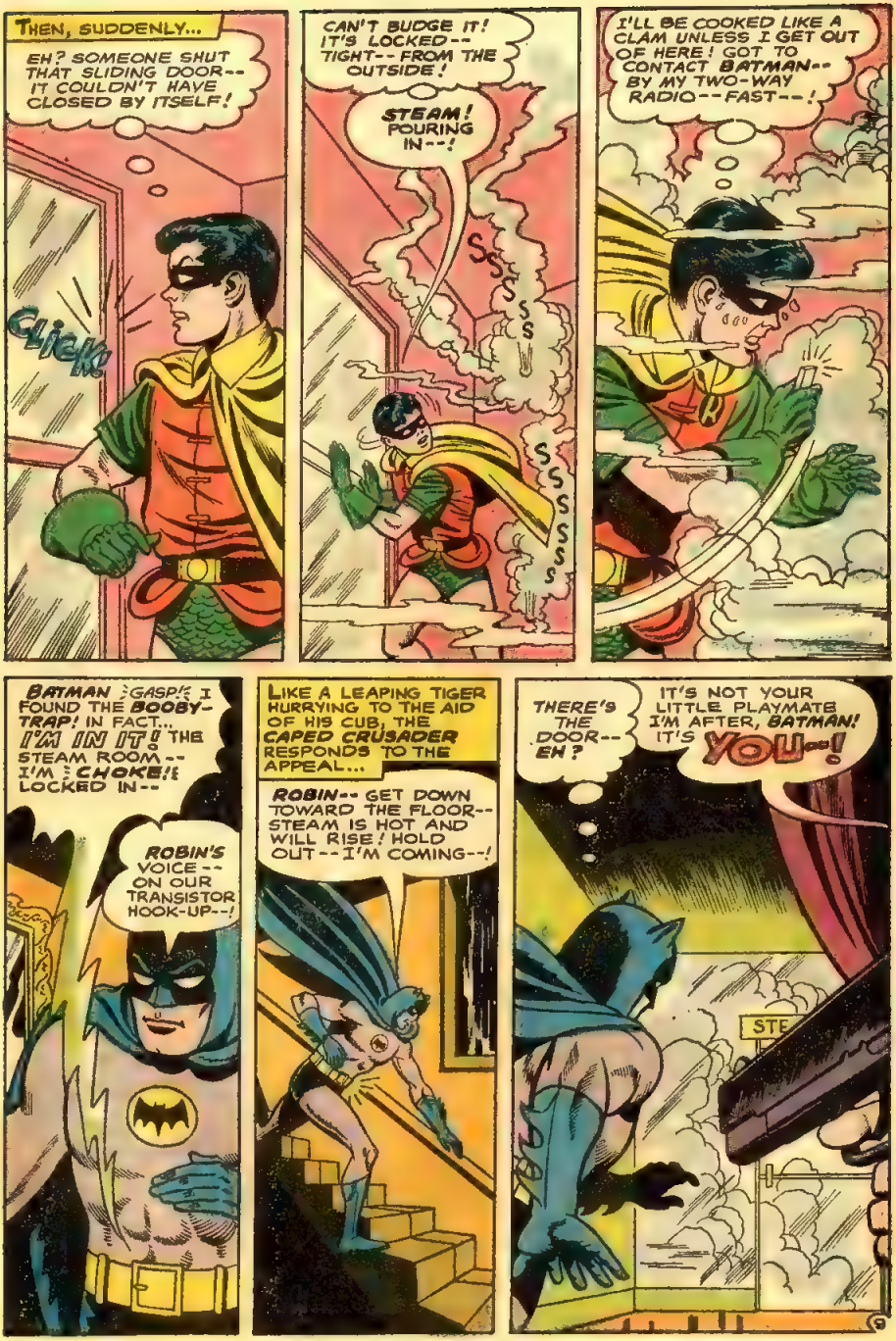
THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH--TOO FAR!
LOOK OUT, BATMAN--!
EH--?
WITH ONE HEAVE OF HIS MIGHTY SHOULDERS, THE MASKED MANHUNTER FOILS THE GUNPLAY ATTEMPT...
ZOK!
THUNK!
POW! RIGHT DOWN THE ALLEY, BATMAN--FOR A STRIKE! YOU KAYOED BOTH OF 'EM!
LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
IT'S A PAY-OFF! OUR INVESTIGATION SHOWED DENNIS'S REAL ESTATE BUSINESS WAS A COVER-UP! BATMAN AND ROBIN--YOU'VE CAPTURED THE SECRET KING OF THE NUMBERS RACKET! WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO TRACK HIM DOWN FOR MONTHS!
THIS IS A SORT OF EXTRA BONUS ON THE CASE, COMMISSIONER!
DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT BEING CAUGHT, DENNIS! THE MURDERER WON'T BE ABLE TO GET AT YOU HERE IN JAIL! YOU'RE LUCKY!
COME ON, ROBIN! WE'VE STILL GOT A JOB TO DO!


WE'RE GOING BACK TO DENNIS'S HOUSE--?
YES! WE'VE JUST ABOUT RULED OUT DENNIS AS THE MURDERER! BUT THE REAL KILLER--WHOEVER HE IS--CAN HARDLY KNOW YET ABOUT DENNIS BEING ARRESTED--IT'S BEING KEPT OUT OF THE PAPERS!
OUR QUARRY--IF HE CONTINUES HIS PATTERN--MAY TRY TO ARRANGE FOR SOME KIND OF LETHAL "ACCIDENT" TO HAPPEN TO DENNIS--
--OR HE MIGHT HAVE ALREADY ARRANGED IT!
WE'RE GOING TO SEARCH THIS HOUSE FOR SOMETHING THAT MIGHT CAUSE SUCH AN ACCIDENT--SOME SORT OF BOOBY-TRAP!
EXACTLY! MAYBE WE WON'T FIND ANYTHING, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND--
--MAYBE WE WILL! WE CAN'T OVERLOOK ANY CLUES! THIS IS A HUGE PLACE, ROBIN--WE'D BETTER SPLIT UP TO COVER IT AT DOUBLE SPEED! YOU START WITH THE DOWNSTAIRS--AND I'LL START ON THE TOP FLOOR AND WE'LL WORK TOWARD EACH OTHER!
OKAY!
AS THE BOY WONDER BEGINS HIS SCRUTINY OF THE EXTENSIVE MANSION...
WHEW! THIS KING OF THE RACKETS SURE LIVED LIKE A KING! A SWIMMING POOL--A COMPLETE GYMNASIUM! I'M AFRAID DENNIS IS GOING TO FIND A JAIL CELL PRETTY CRAMPED AFTER THIS!
NOTHING THAT LOOKS TAMPERED WITH YET...WHAT'S THIS? DENNIS'S OWN PRIVATE STEAM ROOM? I BETTER CHECK IT OUT...
STEAM ROOM


THEN, SUDDENLY...
EH? SOMEONE SHUT THAT SLIDING DOOR-- IT COULDN'T HAVE CLOSED BY ITSELF!
CLICK!
CAN'T BUDGE IT! IT'S LOCKED-- TIGHT-- FROM THE OUTSIDE!
STEAM! POURING IN--!
SSSSSSSSS
I'LL BE COOKED LIKE A CLAM UNLESS I GET OUT OF HERE! GOT TO CONTACT BATMAN-- BY MY TWO-WAY RADIO-- FAST--!
BATMAN: GASP!: I FOUND THE BOOBY-TRAP! IN FACT.. I'M IN IT! THE STEAM ROOM-- I'M: CHOKE!: LOCKED IN--
ROBIN'S VOICE-- ON OUR TRANSISTOR HOOK-UP--!
LIKE A LEAPING TIGER HURRYING TO THE AID OF HIS CUB, THE CAPED CRUSADER RESPONDS TO THE APPEAL...
ROBIN-- GET DOWN TOWARD THE FLOOR-- STEAM IS HOT AND WILL RISE! HOLD OUT-- I'M COMING--!
THERE'S THE DOOR-- EH?
IT'S NOT YOUR LITTLE PLAYMATE I'M AFTER, BATMAN! IT'S YOU--!
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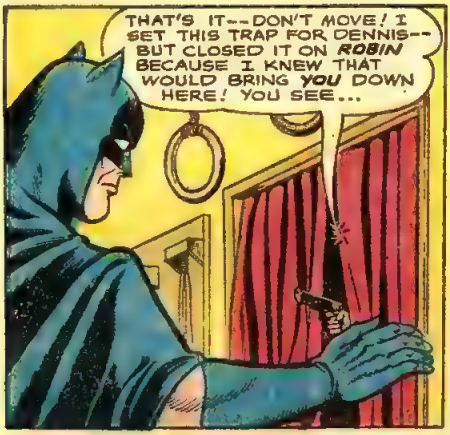
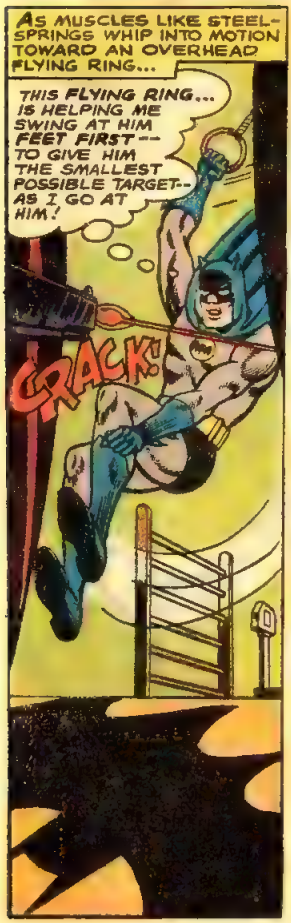
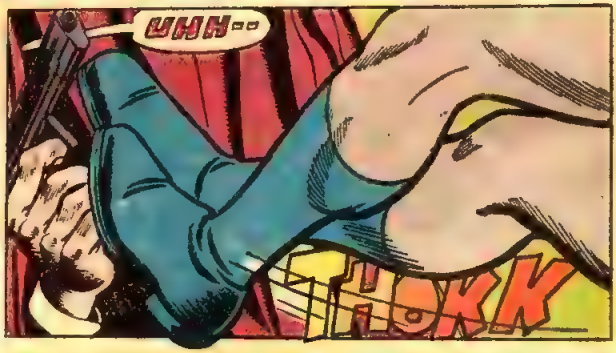
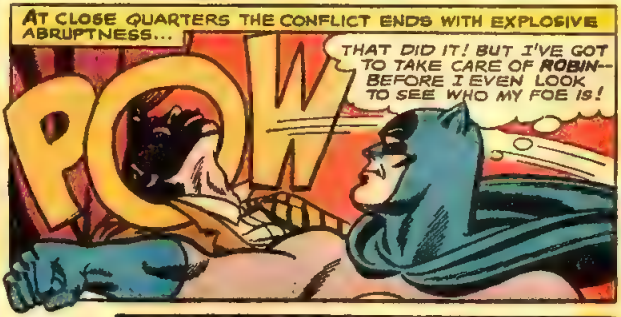


...THE TWO OF YOU HAVE BEEN TREADING TOO CLOSE TO MY HEELS! YOU MUST BE ELIMINATED! DON'T WORRY, I'LL MAKE IT LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT--HA HA--AFTERWARD!
FINGER TIGHTENING ON THE TRIGGER--!


AS MUSCLES LIKE STEEL-SPRINGS WHIP INTO MOTION TOWARD AN OVERHEAD FLYING RING...
THIS FLYING RING... IS HELPING ME SWING AT HIM FEET FIRST--TO GIVE HIM THE SMALLEST POSSIBLE TARGET--AS I GO AT HIM!
CRACK!




AT CLOSE QUARTERS THE CONFLICT ENDS WITH EXPLOSIVE ABRUPTNESS...
POW
THAT DID IT! BUT I'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF ROBIN--BEFORE I EVEN LOOK TO SEE WHO MY FOE IS!

SECONDS AFTER, WITH THE BOY WONDER RESCUED--WEAK BUT UNHARMED--FROM A STEAMY BATH...

LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, WITH THE FULL, STARTLING TRUTH IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TWO SUPER-SLEUTHS...
...AND DURING THE LAST WAR, WHITSON WAS CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY! WHILE A PRISONER HE TURNED COWARD AND BETRAYED HIS COUNTRY! IT REMAINED A SECRET--BUT SOMEHOW YEARS AFTER, DEEMS DAVIS, THE AUTHOR, UNCOVERED THE STORY WHILE GATHERING MATERIAL FOR A BOOK ON THE WAR...
DAVIS WAS UNSCRUPULOUS! HE DECIDED TO BLACK-MAIL WHITSON! BUT WHITSON KNEW HE WOULD NEVER AGAIN HAVE AN EASY MOMENT IF HE PAID! SO IN DESPERATION HE KILLED DAVIS AND MADE IT LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT! BY SHEER CHANCE, EARLIER THAT SAME WEEK, ARCHITECT CHARLES LOWRY ALSO DIED IN A GENUINE ACCIDENT...
THIS GAVE WHITSON A BRAINSTORM! BOTH MEN WERE ON HIS "BEST-DRESSED" LIST! HE DECIDED TO ARRANGE "ACCIDENTS" FOR OTHERS ON THE LIST, ONE AFTER THE OTHER!.
IN THAT WAY, HE HOPED TO DIVERT ANY POSSIBLE ATTENTION FROM HIMSELF IN THE KILLING OF DAVIS--AND TO PUT THE POLICE ON A FALSE TRAIL--
--HUNTING FOR SOME PSYCHOPATHIC KILLER WHO DIDN'T EXIST--WHILE HE HIMSELF ESCAPED PUNISHMENT!
HE UNDERRATED US! BUT MOST OF ALL HE UNDERRATED YOU, BATMAN AND ROBIN! MY CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT JOB!
The End.
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ON SALE OCT. 25TH

LETTERS TO THE BATCAVE

Dear Editor:

"Batman's Baffling Turnabout" in the August *Batman* was a very, *very* enjoyable story. Not because it was different or unusual, mind you. (What could possibly be more over-used than the ex-con our hero sent up the river years ago, who's now come back for his (un)just revenge?) No, this story was good simply because we all knew that the silly criminal wasn't going to get away with it! Try to impersonate *Batman*, will he? Better men than he (whoops! I mean *worse* men . . .) have tried to do away with the *Dynamic Duo* and failed, and *they* haven't used such lame-brained schemes, either!

Honestly, you'd think a criminal would at least have the sense to "case the joint," and learn what his quarry had been up to the last five years. But no, he just rushes in with no preparation into the toughest thing possible—impersonating *Batman* to *Robin*! Well, he certainly deserved the complete collapse of his silly scheme—which *Batman* and *Robin* brought about with admirable ease.

As for the other story in this issue, "A Touch of Poison Ivy," well, it was even more ridiculous than the first *Poison Ivy* story, and that's saying a lot! If you *have* to make *Batman* fall for a dizzy villainess, why not let it be the *Catwoman*? At least she's a little more interesting.

—Irene Vartanoff, Bethesda, Md.

(It's interesting to get a female's reaction to *Poison Ivy*—it's even more interesting to get a male's viewpoint, as in the follow-up letter.—*Editor*)

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Dear Editor:

FANTASTIC! That's the only possible way I can describe *Poison Ivy*! With the explosiveness of a (haunted) tank, Robert Kanigher has brought us what assuredly must be the best new villain(ess) of the year. The second *P.I.* story was as great as the first one last issue. There was plenty of the great action *Batman* is renowned for, and lastly, the punny humor *Robin's* well-known for. I'm "itching" for more. *—Mike Friedrich, Castrol Valley, Calif.*

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Dear Editor:

Many of your *Batman* stories feature such villains as the *Joker, Penguin, Riddler*, and like all villains, they are always caught and jailed. Then, in an issue shortly thereafter, they have either served their terms or have escaped prison, and are at large to commit more crimes.

I just don't think that it's possible or realistic for them to escape that often, or to be sentenced to so short a term that they can serve it and be out in a few short months (or issues). *—Jim Schlaffer, Angwin, Calif.*

(The villains manage to escape from prison so often by showing their "literary license"!—*Editor*)

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Dear Editor:

The August *Batman* was GREAT! It took me till I got to the END to understand why *Batman* was goofing off in "Batman's Baffling Turnabout" and I must say ol' Bob Kane really outdid himself in this yarn. And I'll tell you somethin' else—I liked *Batman* and *Detective Comics* long before the *Batman-TV* craze hit the Country!

—Glen Earl Brooks, Houston, Tex.

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Dear Editor and Bat-Fans:

Here's how to make your own *Bat-signal*: Take an ordinary flashlight and cut out a thin cardboard *Bat-emblem*, slightly smaller than the head of the flashlight. Tape on the *Bat-emblem* to the head of the flashlight with transparent tape. The flashlight will shine with a perfect replica of the famous *Bat-signal*.

—Erick Everson, New Brighton, Minn.

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We are happy to print the following two letters received by Irwin Donenfeld, Executive Vice President, National Periodical Publications:

Dear Mr. Donenfeld:

My class insisted on writing to you for all the "treasures" that you so generously sent with Carmine Infantino. Most of all, they wanted to tell you about the wonderful day that they spent with *Batman* and his friends. It was a marvelous presentation and a wonderful experience for the children.

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Thank you again for helping make June 3rd a day that will never be forgotten by the children.—Sheila M. Schmidt, Special Class Teacher, Clover Street School, Windsor, Conn.

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Dear Mr. Donenfeld:

May we take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the parents of the children in the Special Class at the Clover School for your part in Carmine Infantino's visit June 3, 1966.

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It's very difficult to express gratitude. These children miss much in life due to their handicap. However, things such as Mr. Infantino's visit make up for the many experiences from which they are excluded.

The thoughtfulness of men like you, and, of course, Mr. Infantino, help make all our lives brighter.—Mrs. Clarence Erlandson, Mrs. Thomas Walsh, room mothers in Miss Schmidt's class.

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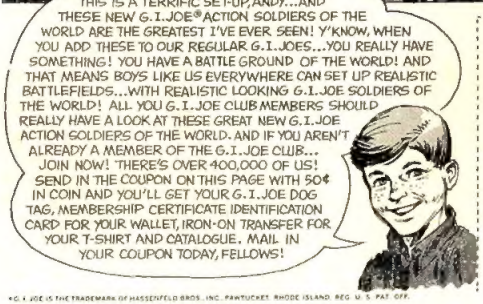
BANZAI!! LET'S PUT THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL SOLDIERS ON THE PACIFIC ISLAND! HEY...THEY HAVE AUTHENTIC FIELD PACKS AND ARISAKA RIFLES.

OKAY...READY? I'LL BRING UP THE AUSTRALIAN JUNGLE FIGHTERS CUTTING THEIR WAY THROUGH THE ISLAND'S JUNGLE UNDERBRUSH. THEY LOOK JUST LIKE REAL AUSTRALIANS WITH THEIR CAMPAIGN HATS AND SHORT PANTS!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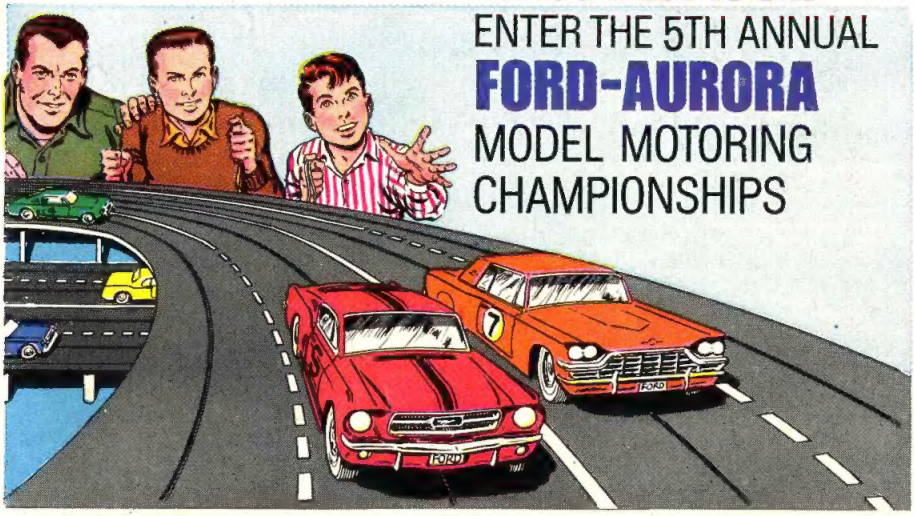

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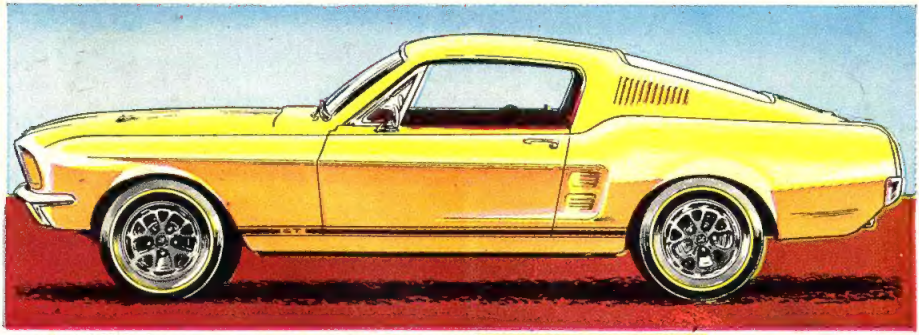

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